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Land Transport

1. Soviet transports moving east in Poland were more intense during September and October 1947, with September showing the most for the period from June through October. More specifically, they were:

<u>Point of Observation</u>	<u>September</u>	<u>October</u>
(a) Gdansk	112 transports	75 transports
(b) Bydgoszcz	78	108
(c) Poznan	65	
(d) Wroclaw	118	
(e) Katowice	132	169
(f) Lodz	69	123
(g) Warsaw	374	179

Most carried dismantled factories (mainly chemical), trucks and automobiles, road-building equipment, railroad cars and "Flora" (gondolas) (170 new gondolas rolled through Warsaw).

2. Appearance of underground 50 cm diameter sewer pipes and electric cable in 17 of the transports provides evidence that removal of equipment from Germany is being speeded up. In late September much armored equipment out into scrap was noted. Increased train movements, carrying mostly rails, cement and coal, were noted along the Bialystok-Brzostowice line. All trains are escorted by Soviet Army personnel and are closely connected with construction of strategic defenses and new railroad lines, probably on the eastern border of Poland.

Sea Transport

3. The following shipments were sent east from Gdansk between 1 Sep and 15 Oct 47:

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<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Arrival</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Departure</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Destination</u>
Otto Schmidt	20 Aug	None	1 Sep	8000 T cement	Murmansk
Tosno	17 Aug	None	2 Sep	7000 T cement	Murmansk
Pixkow	27 Aug	None	3 Sep	1000 T cement	-----
				coal	
Kola	27 Aug	None	4 Sep	2000 T cement	-----
				coal	
Kuban	8 Sep	None	18 Sep	8000 T cement	-----
Pixkow	9 Sep	None	18 Sep	1000 T cement	-----
				coal	
Dogawa	15 Sep	None	19 Sep	1000 T cement	-----
				coal	
Lowat	17 Sep	None	20 Sep	2000 T cement	East Prussia
				coal	
Lowat	24 Sep	None	27 Sep	2000 T cement	East Prussia
				coal	
Kuban	25 Sep	None	30 Sep	8000 T cement	-----
Dniepropetrovsk	28 Sep	None	2 Oct	2000 T cement	-----
				coal	
Kola	29 Sep	None	2 Oct	2000 T cement	-----
				coal	
Pamirka	30 Sep	Iron Ore	2 Oct	Left with 320 people who had been brought to Gdansk on Soviet lighters and were probably Polish prisoners. They were tied together, had bands over their faces, and were loaded with the help of special baskets.	
Otto Schmidt	5 Oct	Iron Ore	15 Oct	8000 T cement	Murmansk
Birota	15 Oct	None		8000 T cement	Murmansk
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